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REQUEST FOR THE INCLUSION OF AN ADDITIONAL SUB-ITEM IN THE AGENDA OF THE FORTY-SEVENTH SESSION

ELECTIONS TO FILL VACANCIES IN PRINCIPAL ORGANS: ELECTION OF A MEMBER OF THE INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE

Note by the Secretary-General

1. The Registrar of the International Court of Justice, by a letter dated 14 January 1993, informed the Secretary-General of the death of Judge Manfred Lachs (Poland) on 14 January 1993 and of the occurence of a vacancy in the Court as a result of Judge Lachs' death.

2. Judge Lachs was elected as a member of the Court as from 6 February 1967, was re-elected as from 6 February 1976 and again, as from 6 February 1985. His present term of office would have expired on 5 February 1994. In accordance with the terms of the Statute of the International Court of Justice, the General Assembly and the Security Council will therefore have to elect a member of the Court to serve for the remainder of Judge Lachs' term, that is, until 5 February 1994.

3. By a letter dated 19 January 1993 and a note dated 1 February 1993, 1/ the Secretary-General informed the Security Council of the occurrence of this vacancy in the Court. Pursuant to Article 14 of the Statute of the International Court of Justice, the Security Council is to fix the date of the election.

4. At its 3170th meeting, on 4 February 1993, the Security Council, by its resolution 805 (1993), the text of which is annexed hereto, decided that the election to fill the vacancy should take place on 10 May 1993 at a meeting of the Security Council and at a meeting of the General Assembly at its forty-seventh session.

5. It is therefore appropriate that the General Assembly include in the agenda of its forty-seventh session, pursuant to rule 15 of its rules of procedure, an additional sub-item of item 15 (Elections to fill vacancies in principal organs) reading as follows:

"(c) Election of a member of the International Court of Justice."

6. Accordingly, this sub-item would be considered by the General Assembly on 10 May 1993, the date fixed therefor by the Security Council.

Notes

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ANNEX

Resolution 805 (1993) adopted by the Security Council at its 3170th meeting, on 4 February 1993

The Security Council,

Noting with regret the death of Judge Manfred Lachs on 14 January 1993,

Noting further that a vacancy in the International Court of Justice for the remainder of the term of office of the deceased Judge has thus occurred and must be filled in accordance with the terms of the Statute of the Court,

Noting that, in accordance with Article 14 of the Statute, the date of the election to fill the vacancy shall be fixed by the Security Council,

Decides that the election to fill the vacancy shall take place on 10 May 1993 at a meeting of the Security Council and at a meeting of the General Assembly at its forty-seventh session.